

OKIMURA et al
Appl. No. Unknown
US National Phase of PCT/JP03/00256
July 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

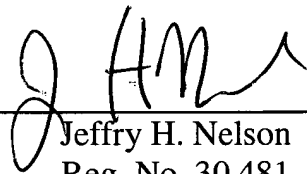
The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees, without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to include the abstract.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: 
Jeffrey H. Nelson
Reg. No. 30,481

JHN:pdc
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100